

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES**  
**“Sergeant Mom” Radio Script**  
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*(Outdoor sound effects, kids playing)*

ANNOUNCER: Just one bite from a tick can lead to serious illness. So, as you and your family work and play outdoors this summer...schedule regular “tick checks”.

*(Mom blows whistle to call kids to attention...short blasts...referee style)*

*(Mom’s attitude is like a drill sergeant)*

MOM: All right kids, line up.

*(Kids frustrated with having to stop playing... . think mom is overdoing it)*

KIDS: Ahhh...mom.

ANNOUNCER: Look under the arms, along the scalp, and other places ticks like to hide.

MOM: Okay...you’re clear. Be back at 15 hundred hours. Dissssmitted!

*(Mom blows whistle to dismiss)*

ANNOUNCER: Of course, the whistle is optional.

*(Music up and under)*

ANNOUNCER: To learn more about preventing tick-borne disease, contact your local health department or visit the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services online.